

**BEFORE  
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**DOCKET NO. 2013-59-E**

In the Matter of:

Application of Duke Energy Carolinas,  
LLC for Authority to Adjust and Increase  
Its Electric Rates and Charges

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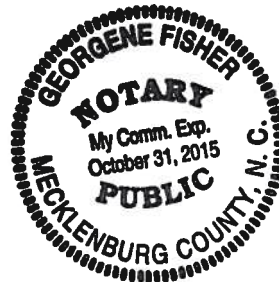
PERSONALLY APPEARED before me, Melissa L. Porter, who being first duly sworn, deposes and says that she is a Business Operations Analyst for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC; that under her direction and supervision, the Revised Notice of Filing and Hearing ("Notice") attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein has been furnished either by U.S. mail, or by electronic mail to customers who have agreed to receive the Notice by electronic mail, to all applicable customers of Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, on or before May 13, 2013.

FURTHER AFFIANT SAYETH NOT.

  
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Melissa L. Porter

Sworn to and subscribed before me  
this the 30 day of May 2013.

  
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Notary Public for North Carolina  
My Commission Expires: Oct. 31, 2015



**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

**CLERK'S OFFICE**

**REVISED NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING**

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**DUKE ENERGY CAROLINAS, LLC – Application for Authority to Adjust and Increase the Company's Electric Rates and Charges**

On March 18, 2013, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC ("Duke Energy Carolinas" or the "Company") filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") requesting authority to adjust and increase its retail electric rates, charges, and tariffs. The Application was filed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-27-820 and 58-27-870 (Supp. 2012) and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-303 and 103-823 (Supp. 2012).

Duke Energy Carolinas states in its Application that it has made capital investments in its electric system for plant modernization, environmental compliance and capital additions. Since the conclusion of the last rate case, Duke Energy Carolinas has made approximately \$3.3 billion in capital investments. These investments, including construction work in progress, include (1) Cliffside Steam Station Unit 6; (2) Dan River Combined Cycle Project; (3) McGuire Nuclear Station capacity uprates; (4) Tornado/High Energy Line Break work at Oconee Nuclear Station; (5) Transmission and Distribution Plant; (6) General Capital Maintenance projects for existing plants; and (7) Other General Plant projects. The Company states in its application that the rate increase request is also driven by the net impact of various increases and decreases to certain costs incurred to serve its customers. There are specific requests regarding reserves for nuclear end-of-life costs, to recover costs to comply with new U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission ("NRC") orders and regulations, and to reflect increased spending to manage vegetation around power lines. Savings are realized from the Company's Voluntary Severance Plan ("VSP"), other operating income changes, and the Company's new connection fee for new customers. The Company also states in its Application that lower sales volumes experienced during the 12 month test period for this case impacts the rate increase. The Application states that the current rates of the Company are unjust and unreasonable because they do not allow the Company the opportunity to earn a fair rate of return.

Duke Energy Carolinas requests that the proposed increases be effective on September 18, 2013. The Application states that the Company is requesting to increase revenues by approximately \$220 million (15.1%). The overall increase to rates by customer class, according to the Application, is as follows: 16.3% for the residential class, 14% for the general service class, 14.4% for the industrial class, 14.1% for Rate OPT, and 15.9% for the outdoor lighting class.

A copy of the Company's complete Application, as well as the proposed rates, charges and tariffs may be obtained from the Commission at the following address: Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Clerk's Office, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210. Additionally, the Application is available on the Commission's website at

[www.psc.sc.gov](http://www.psc.sc.gov) and is available from Charles A. Castle, Associate General Counsel, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 550 South Tryon Street, DEC45A, Charlotte, North Carolina 28201 or Frank R. Ellerbe, III, Esquire, Robinson, McFadden & Moore, P.C., Post Office Box 944, Columbia, South Carolina 29202.

In order for testimony and evidence to be received from all interested parties, a public hearing will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210, **beginning on Wednesday, July 31, 2013, at 10:30 a.m.**

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter as a party of record with the right of cross-examination, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure on or before **June 3, 2013**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please include an email address for receipt of future Commission correspondence. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2013-59-E***.

Any party who wishes to testify and present evidence at the hearing should notify the Clerk's Office in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, SC 29201; Charles A. Castle, Associate General Counsel, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 550 South Tryon Street, DEC45A, Charlotte, North Carolina 28201 or Frank R. Ellerbe, III, Esquire, Robinson, McFadden & Moore, P.C., Post Office Box 944, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, on or before **June 3, 2013**, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2013-59-E***.

**Any person who wishes to request that the Commission hold a public hearing in his or her county of residence, and does not want to intervene as a party of record in this matter, should notify the Clerk's Office in writing at the address below, the Office of Regulatory Staff, at 1401 Main Street, Suite 900, Columbia, SC 29201; Charles A. Castle, Associate General Counsel, Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC, 550 South Tryon Street, DEC45A, Charlotte, North Carolina 28201 or Frank R. Ellerbe, III, Esquire, Robinson, McFadden & Moore, P.C., Post Office Box 944, Columbia, South Carolina 29202, on or before June 3, 2013. Please refer to *Docket No. 2013-59-E*.**

Any person who wishes to be notified of any change in the hearing date, but does not wish to present testimony or be a party of record, may do so by notifying the Clerk's Office in writing at the address below on or before **June 3, 2013**. Please refer to ***Docket No. 2013-59-E***.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE:** Any person who wishes to have his or her comments considered as part of the official record of this proceeding **MUST** present such comments, in person, to the Commission during the hearing.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5100.

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Columbia, South Carolina 29211